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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
HELMSLEY

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
W.R.M. COUPER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
for the Year
1957



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Including the REPORT
of the
SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR
F.W. STONEY, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1957.

To The Chairman & Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman & Members,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1957 for the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and the Urban Districts of Malton and Pickering. In the text of this report, unless there is some matter which requires particular comment in respect of one district, reference will only be made to the area as a whole under the designation of the Ryedale Area.

W.R.M. COUPER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

STAFF OF DISTRICT COUNCILS (AT 31.12.56).

DISTRICT	MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	HEALTH INSPECTORS
Helmsley Rural	W.R.M. Couper, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Health Office, Train Lane, Pickering.	F.W. Stoney, M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I. C.H. Carr, M.A.P.H.I. C.R.S.I.
Kirkbymoorside Rural	- do -	F.W. Stoney, M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I. G. Stephenson, A.R.S.A. M.A.I.A.
Malton Rural	- do -	W.E. Wigglesworth, M.A.I.A., C.R.S.I.
Malton Urban	- do -	J.L. Tong, C.R.S.I.
Pickering Rural	- do -	P. Pickering, M.R.S.I. M.A.I.A.
Pickering Urban	- do -	G. Batty, C.R.S.I.

STATISTICS & GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA. The Ryedale Area, which is referred to in the text of this report comprises the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and the Urban Districts of Malton and Pickering. This area is mainly agricultural in nature, more heavily populated in the areas near the townships of Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside, Malton and Pickering and thinly populated in the dales and moorland districts in the northern part of the area.

POPULATION The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population 1957 is 29,290 - the population in 1954, 1955 and 1956 was estimated at 29,220, 29,250 and 29,380 respectively.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS & BIRTH RATES The number of live births in 1957 was 386, this is five less than in 1956. The adjusted birth rate was 15.5 per 1000 population compared with 16.1 per 1000 for England and Wales.

ILLEGITIMACY There were 16 illegitimate births in 1957, compared with 11 in 1956 and 18 in 1955.

STILL BIRTHS In 1957 there were 9 still births which was the same number as in 1956.

DEATHS & DEATH RATE The adjusted death rate for 1957 was 11.3 per 1000 population as compared with 11.5 for England and Wales.

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY The infant mortality and neonatal mortality rates were the same 18.1 per 1000 live births. The infant mortality rate for England and Wales was 23.0 per 1000 live births and the neonatal mortality rate 16.5.

MATERNAL MORTALITY There were no maternal deaths in 1957. No maternal deaths occurred in 1955 and 1956.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH 215 persons died of diseases of the heart and circulating system a rate of 7.34 per 1000 population. 43 people died of cancer a rate of 1.47 per 1000 population. The death rates per 1000 of the population from diseases of the heart and circulating and cancer in 1956 were 7.01 and 2.14.

NATURAL INCREASE During the year there were 386 live births and 345 deaths. The natural increase (i.e. excess of live births over deaths) was 41. The natural increase in 1956 was 52.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES During the year there was a considerable epidemic of measles affecting mostly the Malton and Pickering Urban and Rural Districts. There were 12 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Poliomyelitis. 2.

SECTION 'A'.

STATISTICS & GENERAL CONDITIONS.

TABLE 1.

District	Estimated Mid-Year Population	Area in Acres	No. of inhabited houses	Rateable Value	Product of Penny Rate
Helmsley Rural	5,360	67,750	1377	£38591	£144
Kirbymoorside Rural	4,930	51,000	1520	£31266	£118
Malton Rural	5,550	47,078	1824	£33922	£132
Malton Urban	4,160	4,016	1349	£48657	£194
Pickering Rural	5,090	76,685	1756	£32046	£125
Pickering Urban	4,200	15,652	1400	£36807	£150
All Districts	29,290	262,181	9220	£221289	

VITAL STATISTICS.

TABLE 11. - LIVE BIRTHS MALE & FEMALE

District	Live Births		
	Male	Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	27	28	55
Kirbymoorside Rural	28	34	62
Malton Rural	44	36	80
Malton Urban	29	29	58
Pickering Rural	38	33	71
Pickering Urban	25	35	60
All Districts	191	195	386

TABLE 111 - STILL BIRTHS MALE & FEMALE

District	Still Births		
	Male	Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	-	1	1
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	-	1
Malton Rural	3	-	3
Malton Urban	-	1	1
Pickering Rural	-	2	2
Pickering Urban	-	1	1
All Districts	4	5	9

TABLE 1V - ALL BIRTHS LEGITIMATE & ILLEGITIMATE, MALE & FEMALE.

District	Legitimate			Illegitimate		Total	
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	26	26	52	1	3	4	56
Kirbymoorside Rural	28	34	62	1	-	1	63
Malton Rural	44	36	80	3	-	3	83
Malton Urban	28	29	57	1	1	2	59
Pickering Rural	36	34	70	2	-	2	72
Pickering Urban	25	33	58	-	4	4	62
All Districts	187	192	379	8	8	16	395

TABLE V.

Crude Live Birth Rate (i.e. Live Births per 1000 estimated population), Still Birth Rate (i.e. Still Births per 1000 Total Births).

District	Crude Live Birth rate	Still Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	10.3	17.9
Kirbymoorside Rural	12.6	15.9
Malton Rural	14.4	36.1
Malton Urban	13.9	17.0
Pickering Rural	14.0	27.8
Pickering Urban	14.3	16.1
All Districts	12.8	22.8
England & Wales	16.1	22.4

TABLE VI.

Deaths of infants under 1 year and under 1 month by sexes.

Number of deaths							
District	Under 1 year			Under 1 month			All infant deaths
	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male	Female	Male & Female	Male & Female
Helmsley Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Malton Rural	2	-	2	2	-	2	2
Malton Urban	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Pickering Rural	2	1	3	2	1	3	3
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Districts	6	1	7	6	1	7	7

TABLE VII.

Maternal Deaths i.e. deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth, and abortion.

There were no maternal deaths during 1957.

TABLE VIII.

Causes of deaths by districts for year ended December 31st, 1957.

Cause of Death	District												All Districts								
	Helmsley Rural			K/M'side Rural			Malton Rural			Malton Urban					Pickering Rural			Pickering Urban			
	M	F.	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	2	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	8	-	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	4	5	3	1	4	2	2	4	1	3	4	3	2	5	1	-	1	11	12	23
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	6	11	6	4	10	4	7	11	6	8	14	-	4	8	3	7	10	28	40	68
Coronary disease, angina	9	6	15	5	2	7	5	5	10	8	4	12	-	8	4	8	7	15	43	28	71
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	3	5	5	4	9
Other heart disease	3	-	3	12	4	16	2	3	5	3	-	3	2	4	5	9	7	11	28	19	47
Other circulatory disease	-	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	5	8	2	3	8	12	20
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	3	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	5	6
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-	1	4	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	5	7
Bronchitis	1	-	1	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	2	3	11	3	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	4	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	4
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	3	3	6	1	2	3	2	3	5	3	3	6	4	3	7	1	-	1	13	14	27
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
All other accidents	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	2	6
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	3	2	5
Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Causes	31	23	54	39	20	59	25	29	54	29	22	51	33	35	68	28	31	59	185	160	345

TABLE 1X.

Infant Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births), Neonatal Mortality (i.e. number of deaths under 1 month per 1000 live births, Maternal Mortality (i.e. number of maternal deaths per 1000 total births) and Crude Death Rate (i.e. number of deaths per 1000 of estimated population.

RATES

District	Infant Mortality	Neonatal Mortality	Maternal Mortality	Death Rate
Helmsley Rural	Nil	Nil	Nil	10.1
Kirbymoorside Rural	16.1	16.1	Nil	12.0
Malton Rural	25.0	25.0	Nil	9.7
Malton Urban	17.2	17.2	Nil	12.3
Pickering Rural	42.3	42.3	Nil	13.4
Pickering Urban	Nil	Nil	Nil	14.0
All Districts	18.1	18.1	Nil	11.8
England & Wales	23.0	16.5	0.47	11.5

TABLE X.

COMPARISON OF BIRTH & DEATH RATES.

The crude Birth and Death Rates of any district are not directly comparable with those of any other district or those of England and Wales. To make approximate allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution differs from that of England & Wales as a whole the crude rates are multiplied by a comparability factor. The resultant figures can then be compared with those of any other district and England and Wales.

District	Death Rate			Birth Rate		
	Crude Death Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Death Rate	Crude Birth Rate	Comparability Factor	Adjusted Birth Rate
Helmsley Rural	10.1	1.10	11.2	10.3	1.34	13.8
Kirbymoorside Rural	12.0	0.89	10.7	12.6	1.14	14.4
Malton Rural	9.7	0.97	9.4	14.4	1.14	16.4
Malton Urban	12.3	0.98	12.1	13.9	1.09	15.2
Pickering Rural	13.4	0.84	11.3	14.0	1.20	17.0
Pickering Urban	14.0	0.92	12.9	14.3	1.14	16.3
All districts	11.8	-	11.3	12.8	-	15.5
England & Wales	11.5	-	11.5	16.1	-	16.1

TABLE XI.

Principal Causes of Deaths by Districts and rates
per 1000 of population.

District	Cancer		Diseases of heart & Circulation		Respiratory Diseases excluding Tuberculosis	
	No Of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1000 population
Helmsley	10	1.87	31	5.80	3	0.56
Kirbymoorside	7	1.42	37	7.51	6	1.22
Malton Rural	8	1.44	29	5.23	3	0.54
Malton Urban	7	1.68	31	7.45	2	0.48
Pickering Rural	8	1.57	43	8.45	6	1.18
Pickering Urban	3	0.71	44	10.48	3	0.71
RYEDALE AREA	43	1.47	215	7.34	23	0.79

TABLE XII.

Live Births and Deaths by Districts and Natural
Increase, i.e. excess of births over deaths and
Natural Increase per 1000 population.

District	Live Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Natural Increase per 1000 population.
Helmsley	55	54	1	0.2
Kirbymoorside	62	59	3	0.6
Malton Rural	80	54	26	4.7
Malton Urban	58	51	7	1.7
Pickering Rural	71	68	3	0.6
Pickering Urban	60	59	1	0.2
RYEDALE AREA	386	345	41	1.4

SECTION 'B'.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

TABLE 1.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS DURING
THE YEAR 1957.

District	Cases Notified							
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Primary Pneumonia	Poliomyelitis	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Cerebro Spinal Fever
Helmsley Rural	7	-	51	4	-	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	2	-	20	1	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	2	-	202	1	1	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	1	179	-	1	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	1	1	177	-	-	2	-	1
Pickering Urban	-	-	213	1	1	-	-	-
All Districts	12	2	842	7	3	2	-	1

Where necessary patients suffering from infectious diseases are admitted to Cross Lane Hospital, Scarborough and Yearsley Bridge Hospital, York.

TUBERCULOSIS.

TABLE 11.

NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1957.

District	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Helmsley Rural	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Kirbymoorside Rural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Rural	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malton Urban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Rural	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pickering Urban	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
All Districts	4	-	3	-	2	-	-	-

SECTION 'C'

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

(i) Laboratory Facilities.

Samples for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton, a van calls once a week to collect specimens.

(ii) Local Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946

The day-to-day administration of the following services is carried out by the Ryedale Local Health Sub-Committee in the Urban districts of Malton & Pickering, and the Rural Districts of Helmsley, Kirbymoorside, Malton & Pickering.

(a) Care of Mothers and Young Children

Child welfare and ante-natal clinics are held at centres in the Ryedale Area.

In places where no Clinic is held ante-natal and child welfare services are carried out by health visitors in the home.

(b) Midwifery, Health Visiting and Home Nursing

Combined duty nurses serving 16 districts are resident in the area.

(c) Ambulance Service

Ambulance stations at Malton and Kirbymoorside provide this service.

(d) Immunisation and Vaccination

Provision is made for primary vaccination against diphtheria at child welfare centres but the greater part of this service is carried out by general practitioners in their surgeries and in the home.

During the year 1,635 children received a complete course of poliomyelitis vaccine.

(e) Domestic Help Service.

This service provides domestic help, at a charge dependent on the income of the household, in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the Mother, and to the aged and infirm.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Senior Public Health Inspector, Surveyor and Water Engineer:

F.W. Stoney, M.R.San.I., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

C.H. Carr, Cert. P.H.I.E.J.B., M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk Miss. R. Winspear.

Staff for Refuse Collection, Housing Repairs and General Duties:

G. Bean (Foreman), E. Beeforth (Mason), S. Shields (Mason's Labourer),

L. Atkinson and J. Colley

Sewage Disposal Plant Attendants:

E.W.Dunning and G. Carpenter

Water Bailiffs:

H. Smith and E. Beecroft

Rodent Operative: M.O. Wilson

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Helmsley Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Miss Croysdale and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Inspector and Surveyor's Department of your Council for the Year ended 31st December, 1957.

The total number of visits of inspection made throughout the year for all purposes was 2,225 and is summarised as follows:-

GENERAL SANITATION

Sewer Connections	19
Drainage	167
Complaints investigated	42
Public Conveniences	70
Factories	23
Shops	40
Rodent Control	62
Schools	7

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PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection	93
Refuse Disposal	150
Miscellaneous	35

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WATER SUPPLIES

Beadlam	18
Fangdale Beck	6
Rievaulx	10
Piethorne	33
Scawton & Cold Kirby	12
Hawnby	9
Coulton	7
Beadlam	18
Gilling East	9
Helmsley	16
Oswaldkirk	7
Ampleforth	8
Wass	6
Sproxton	6
Old Byland	6
Thorpe-le-Willows	4

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SEWAGE WORKS

Helmsley	9
Oswaldkirk	10
Ampleforth	6
Gilling East	12
Harome, Beadlam etc.	13
Sproxton	14

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HOUSING

No. of Houses inspected under P.H. and Housing Acts	45
No. of Visits necessary to above-mentioned Houses	65
No. of visits to Council Houses	353
No. of visits to Applicants for Council Houses	25
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INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Visits re Disinfection	Nil
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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Visits to Slaughterhouses	304
" " Butcher's Shops	104
" " Food Premises	156
" " Ice-Cream Premises	51
" " Fried Fish Shops	25
" " Bakehouses	4
Market Inspections	52
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BUILDING BYELAWS

No. of visits re building work in progress	123
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PETROLEUM SPIRIT REGULATIONS

Visits to establishments re storage	16
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Total Visits	<hr/> 2,225 <hr/>
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H O U S I N GRURAL HOUSING SURVEY

This Survey is almost complete and after Co-relation the ammended Survey is to be presented for the Council's consideration of the action required to be taken with the lower category houses.

The following details are the result of housing inspections throughout the year:-

- (i) The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation; 17
- (ii) The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers; 41
- (iii) The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders; 17
- (iv) The number of notices served requiring the execution of works; NIL
- (v) The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices NIL
- (vi) The number of demolition or closing orders made; NIL
- (vii) The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under sub-section (4) of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957; 16
- (viii) The Number of houses demolished; 2

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

The table below sets out the conditions prevailing in each parish. For ease of reference private dwellings have been separated from Council owned houses, but the percentage figures relate to all houses.

PARISH	No. of Private Houses	C A T E G O R Y					
		1	2	3	4	5	Number not yet completed
Ampleforth	167	41	27	67	8	21	11
Arden	18	3	2	8	-	5	-
Beadlam	35	7	10	14	-	4	-
Bilsdale West							
Side	19	1	6	9	-	3	-
Byland with Wass	36	2	2	5	4	1	26
Carlton	32	5	7	15	1	5	-
Cawton	15	5	4	6	-	-	-
Cold Kirby	24	1	4	13	1	4	2
Coulton	22	12	1	5	4	3	1
Dale Town	6	-	2	2	-	2	-
Newton East &							
Leysthorpe	10	8	-	2	1	-	-
Gilling East	52	24	10	17	8	-	1
Grimstone	15	4	6	5	4	-	-
Harome	84	20	18	31	5	15	-
Hawmby	45	6	1	27	-	10	1
Holmsley	306	88	82	112	15	24	-
L skill Pasture	12	-	1	8	1	3	-
Murton	7	-	1	6	1	-	-
Old Byland	25	2	6	10	-	7	-
Oldstead	23	6	4	11	1	-	2
Oswaldkirk	57	19	21	9	1	7	1
Pockley	28	3	5	16	2	2	2
Rievaulx	39	7	5	19	4	6	2
Scawton	21	-	-	8	7	1	12
Snilesworth	15	1	1	9	6	2	2
Sproxton	29	3	1	18	9	2	5
Stonegrave	25	6	3	13	11	1	2
Thorpe-le-Willows	8	-	-	4	3	-	4
	1,175	274	230	469	97	128	74
	Council						
Ampleforth	49	49					
Beadlam	34	34					
Cawton	1	-	1				
Gilling East	6	6					
Harome	19	19					
Holmsley	118	118					
Old Byland	2	2					
Oswaldkirk	8	8					
Pockley	6	6					
Sproxton	6	6					
Totals:-	252	251	1				
Combined Totals	1,427	525	231	469	97	128	74
Percentages		36.8%	16.2%	32.8%	6.7%	8.9%	5.2%

HOUSING ACT 1949

Nine applications for grant-aid from private owners under the Housing Act, 1949, were received. The total amount of approved expenses for these nine improvements was £3,457. 0. 0. and grant aid of £1,876. 10. 0 was paid by the Council.

COUNCIL HOUSE PROGRAMME

The following table shows the position at the end of the year with regard to the houses owned by the Council:-

Site	Type	Total
Ampleforth	Brick	49
Beadlam	Airey & Brick	34
Cawton	Stone	1
Coulton	Brick	3
Gilling East	Stone	6
Harome	Airey, Brick & Stone	19
Helmsley	Brick & Stone	118
Old Byland	Stone	2
Oswaldkirk	Stone	8
Pockley	Brick & Stone	6
Sproxton	Stone	6
Total:-		252

At the end of the year there were 44 applicants for Council Houses still outstanding but the majority are from persons living or working without this district

The number of houses completed and occupied under private enterprise is as follows:-

Site	Type	Completed during Year	Constructing	Total
Ampleforth	Stone	1	-	1
Wass	Stone	1	-	1
		2		2

HOUSING ESTATE MAINTENANCE

Routine housing repairs have been carried out during the year by the Mason and Plumber and their respective labourers. In addition to this Nos. 1 to 7

Harome, 1 and 2 Pockley and No 3 Coulton were all modernised to the extent of new fire places electric cookers and wash boilers and hot water systems. All of these works were done in conjunction with normal routine maintenance of water supplies and sewerage disposal.

TEMPORARY HOUSING

There is no temporary housing in the district.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Seven samples of milk were taken from producer retailers in the district and submitted for bacteriological examination.

Twenty-nine dairies are registered under the Milk and Daries Regulations, 1949.

There are now only three licensed slaughterhouses in the area; slaughtering is carried out at only two.

These slaughterhouses are constantly under supervision, and all animals slaughtered for human consumption are examined.

Handling and storage of meat by local butchers was found to be reasonably good.

During the year the following items were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

<u>Carcases</u>	<u>Organs (Beast)</u>	<u>Organs (Sheep)</u>
2 Beast	2 Livers	2 Necks
5 Sheep	1 Liver	
1 Pig	2 Part Livers	
	2 fore quarters	
	1 Hind quarter	
	1 Liver	
	1 Lung & Mesentery	
	1 Liver	
	1 Lung & Mesentery	
	3 Livers	

During the year there were 1,100 animals dealt with and all condemned items were disposed of by incineration.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	348	-	2	561	189
Number inspected	348	-	2	561	189
<u>(a) diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	2	-	-	5	1
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	15	-	-	4	2
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis;	4.31%	-	-	1.6%	1.5%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned;	1	-	-	-	-
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis;	-	-	-	-	-

Food premises in the area, by type of business are as follows:-

Hotels	Cafes	Grocers	General Shops dealing in limited quantities of foodstuffs	Bakehouses
7	3	6	11	4

There are, in addition, 6 licensed premises other than hotels.

The number of food premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 is as follows:-

Butchers Shops	Fish Fryers	Ice-Cream Retailers
4	3	13

SHOPS, STALLS AND VEHICLES

Regular supervision was maintained of closed vehicles dealing in fish and vegetables, and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

FOOD PREPERATION PREMISES

Inspections of hotels, restaurants and other premises dealing in the preparation of food have been carried out, and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

ICE-CREAM

No ice-cream is manufactured in the district. Those shops registered for the sale of ice-cream all deal in the pre-packed form.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year,

SHELL FISH REGULATIONS

No action has been taken during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

Four bakehouses in the area have been visited regularly, and satisfactory conditions have been found.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no Designated Offensive Trades in the area.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Several visits were made to factories and workshops in the area. There are no outworkers in the district.

WATER SUPPLY

All of the villages in the area have piped water supplies although on some of the smaller schemes it is difficult to maintain a satisfactory supply, due to inadequacy or poor quality. Small privately owned springs supply water for the outlying farms and other properties.

At the end of the year fourteen new services to properties were provided and 33 houses were drawing supplies from standpipes.

The Piethorne water scheme is still operating satisfactorily with supply deficiencies made up from the Ryedale Joint Water Board main at Stony Cross. Provision was made within the scheme for an extension to Carlton where the existing estate scheme is poor in both quantity and quality, and this extension proposal is now being considered and it is hoped that at some time during the next year work will be commenced on this scheme.

The Southern Area Scheme is now operating satisfactorily and the extension scheme is being considered but is being held up by negotiations with certain consumers who have in the past had free water supplies by agreement, it is hoped that this difficulty will be overcome in the next year and that the scheme will be prepared and the commencing date fixed.

ADMINISTRATION

My Department is responsible for the water supplies owned jointly by this Council and the Kirkbymoorside Rural District Council from Piethorne, in addition to the Councils own supplies.

During the year 48 visits were made to the joint schemes and 82 to others - a total of 130 apart from the numerous visits made by the Bailiffs.

There are two water bailiffs employed in this Department both full time. Their work includes the alteration of supplies to non-domestic users, tapping mains for new connections, maintenance, repairs and improvements.

The majority of agricultural premises have now had their water supply metered leaving only a few in the Helmsley parish to be dealt with. It is hoped that these will be completed during next year.

QUALITY OF SUPPLY

During the year 89 samples of the various water supplies in the district were submitted for bacteriological examination, 78 proved to be satisfactory and 11 unsatisfactory. Unsatisfactory results were followed up and extra supervision of these supplies and any cleaning out of tanks etc. found necessary was carried out until the supplies improved.

The following table sets out the particulars of the water supplies in the area of the Helmsley Rural District Council:-

Name of Supply	Owner	District Served	Nature of Supply
Piethorne	(Helmsley & Kirkbymoorside Joint Water Committee.	Harome, Beadlam, Wombledon, Pockley Skiplam & Nawton Tower	Springs with gravitation by cast iron mains supplemented by Ryedale Water Bd.
Southern Area Distribution Scheme	Helmsley R.D.C.	Ampleforth, Byland- with-Wass, Cawton, Coulton, Gilling East, Leysthorpe, Nunnington East, Stonegrave, Oswaldkirk and Sproxton	"
Helmsley Town	"	Helmsley Town	Springs with gravitation
Rievaulx Carlton	Duncombe Park Estate "	Rievaulx Carlton	" "
Old Byland	Helmsley R.D.C.	Old Byland	Hydraulic Rams
Hawnby	Mexborough Estate	Hawnby	Springs with gravitation
Thorpe-le- Willows	Helmsley R.D.C.	Thorpe-le-Willows	"
Scawton &) Cold Kirby)	"	Scawton, Cold Kirby & Hambleton	Hydraulic Rams

PUBLIC CLEANING

The refuse tip at Helmsley was discontinued during the year and a new tip at Wykeham Dale, Pockley was opened up.

A considerable amount of preliminary work was put into this tip to ensure that nuisance free tipping could be ensured.

A new approach road was bulldozed out and completely controlled tipping was aimed at and up to the moment this has been carried out. The depth of refuse never exceeds 8 feet and this is covered with inert refuse and limestone dust. Special precautions have been taken to minimise any unsightly appearance of the tip as it is adjacent to a public carriage way.

House refuse is collected on a fortnightly basis by direct labour using a Karrier C.K. 3 - 10 cubic yard capacity refuse vehicle.

All parishes of the Rural District are served with the exception of isolated and out-lying farmsteads and approximately 2,500 tons of refuse was disposed of during the year.

Due to the extra time required for controlled tipping and also collection of covering material it has been found increasingly difficult to maintain the service on its present basis and it is hoped that by modifying the collection system it will be possible to ease the strain on the service.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There are 6 sewage disposal works situated in the area, 5 of which deal exclusively with the treatment of sewage from this area, namely Helmsley, Oswaldkirk, Sproxton, Gilling East and Ampleferth. The sixth sewage disposal works at Wombledon serves the parishes of Beadlam, Harome and Nawton, and is administered by this Department under the Joint Committee of the Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside Rural District Councils.

The sewage disposal system at Cold Kirby which has been a source of trouble for some years now was overhauled and a new Septic Tank constructed with a grit chamber in place of the original tank which had been hewn out of the natural rock.

The sewer at Old Byland which was really only a stone culvert was replaced by a 6 inch earthenware sewer with access manholes and the outfall was constructed in a system of land tiles for land filtration.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced with the drainage from two Council Houses and three other houses and a farm yard at Pockley and a scheme to enlarge the Septic Tank and provide facilities for disposal is being considered and ought to be commenced in the New Year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

During the year 20 privies were converted to the water carriage system in the various parishes of the district. There were also two houses built both of which had water closet accommodation.

SALVAGE

There is no salvage scheme in operation in this area.

RECHARGEABLE WORK

Rechargeable work to the value of £129. 4. 9d. was carried out during the year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Public Conveniences at Helmsley operated satisfactorily throughout the year, and have again proved a great benefit in dealing with the additional traffic through the town.

SHOPS

Numerous visits have been carried out and no statutory action has been found necessary.

S M O K E A B A T E M E N T

No action has been found necessary.

S W I M M I N G B A T H S A N D P O O L S

The Rodent Operative employed jointly by this Council in conjunction with the Kirkbymoorside Rural District Council to carry out their obligations under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, has been fully engaged throughout the year. Regular treatments were carried out on the Council-owned refuse tips, sewers and sewage disposal works together with open ditches. The number of properties surveyed was 590 and 150 treatments were carried out.

The sum of £178. 13. 5d. is recoverable for work carried out on business premises.

H O U S E A N D B U I L D I N G P L A N S

Visits were carried out in the administration of Byelaws in force in the area.

The following plans for new building work were approved by the Council:-

Ampleforth	18	18		46
Arden	1	1	Harome	4
Beadlam	1	1	Oldstead	1
Coulton		2	Oswaldkirk	1
Cold Kirby		2	Old Byland	3
Fangdale Beck		1	Pockley	1
Gilling East		4	Rievaulx	2
Grimstone		1	Sproxton	2
Hawnby		2	Stonegrave	3
Helmsley		14	Scawton	2
			Snilesworth	1
		46	Total	66

S C H O O L S

Visits have been made to the schools in the area, and minor matters arising from these visits have been satisfactorily dealt with.

C O N C L U S I O N

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, My Lord Miss Croysdale and Gentlemen, I would like to record my appreciation of the courtesy and assistance extended to me during the year by the Council, and also to tender my thanks to Dr. W.R.M. Couper, Medical Officer of Health, for his co-operation and to Mr. C.H. Carr Additional Sanitary Inspector, and the other members of my staff for their loyal support.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, My Lord Miss Croysdale and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F.W. STONEY

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Engineer.



